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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION

1. IN MAY 22 CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, FRENCH DCM LA GORCE RAISED SUBJECT OF NATO DECLARATION. HE SAID GOF HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH OUR PREFERENCE FOR ISSUANCE OF A FORMAL DECLARATION RATHER THAN A COMMUNIQUE AT OTTAWA NATO MINISTERIAL AND THAT DRAFT TABLED BY UK REGRETTABLY DID NOT CONTAIN SOME FORMULATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN IN FRENCH TEXT, E.G. CONCEPT OF DIFFERENTIATED THREAT. HE SAID DE ROSE INTENDED CIRCULATE A REVISED DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION AT MAY 22 NAC MEETING AND THAT THERE UNLIKELY BE "FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES" ON PAPER. LA GORCE PROBED REGARDING FINAL DISPOSITION OF DOCUMENT, ASKING IF IT MIGHT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE.

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2. HARTMAN STRESSED NEED TO GET EARLIEST POSSIBLE AGREE-

MENT ON DECLARATION, EMPHASIZING THAT WE SHOULD DO SO BEFORE ADDRESSING QUESTION OF USE OF DOCUMENT. WE BELIEVE THE TEXT SHOULD BE READY FOR APPROVAL BY MINISTERS AT OTTAWA BEFORE US-USSR SUMMIT. HARTMAN SAID US NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH BRITISH DRAFT, PARTICULARLY ON SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE UK HAS MADE SINCERE EFFORT FIND MIDDLE GROUND AND THINK TEXT

IS GOOD BASIS ON WHICH TO MOVE FORWARD. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT UK TEXT ON CONCEPT OF DIFFERENTIATED THREAT CONSISTENT WITH RUMSFELD-DE ROSE DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD MODIFIED EARLIER FORMULATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS OTHERS UK DRAFT BUILDS ON FRENCH TEXT.
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